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MINUTES OF THE JOINT MEETING
of the
SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY
and the
SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY
ADVISORY COMMITTEE

June 28, 2000

1. Call to order.

The joint meeting of the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy Advisory Committee was called to order by Conservancy Vice-Chairperson Michael Berger acting Chair at 8:05 p.m. on June 28, 2000, at the Santa Clarita Valley Senior Center, 22900 Market Street, Newhall, California.

2. Roll call of Conservancy.

The Conservancy roll was called and the following members were present: Jerome Daniel, Arthur Eck, Russell Guiney, Lindsey Kozberg, and Michael Berger, Vice Chair. The following members were absent: Ed Begley, Jr., Steve Horn, Jeffrey Schwartz, and Elizabeth Cheadle, Chair. Quorum present.

3. Roll call of Advisory Committee.

The Advisory Committee roll was called and the following members were present: Lesley Devine, Terre A. Hirsch, Mark Johnson, Linda Palmer, Fran Pavley, Anthony Portantino, Rick Putnam, Don Robinson, Bruce Saito, Timothy Wendler, and George Lange, Vice Chair, acting Chair. The following members arrived subsequent to roll call: Dave Brown and Charles McKenney. The following members were absent: Colleen Briner-Schmidt, Kathy Caldwell, David Green, Patrick Hunter, John Karayan, Clare Marter Kenyon, Paul Rockenstein, Carolyn Van Horn Kenneth Warner, and Alan Kishbaugh, Chair. Quorum not present at roll call, but present after item 5.

Staff present: Joseph T. Edmiston, AICP, Executive Director; Belinda Faustinos, Chief Deputy Director; Laurie Collins, Chief of Legal and Real Estate Division; Rorie Skei, Deputy Director of Natural Resources and Planning; Paul Edelman, Chief of Natural Resources and Planning; Walt Young, Chief Ranger, Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA); Kathleen Bullard, Director of Los Angeles River Center, MRCA; Stephanie Landregan, Staff Landscape Architect, MRCA; Elsa Luna, Chief of Finance and Administration, MRCA; Heather

Rothman, Director of Public and Intergovernmental Affairs, MRCA; and Colby Allerton, Board Secretary, MRCA.

Representing the Office of Attorney General was Nedra Austin.

5. Comments from members of the public on items not on the agenda and public testimony on all agenda items.

The following persons addressed the Conservancy:

Laurene Weste, Mayor Pro Tem, City of Santa Clarita, on item 7.

James Shirley, representing Box Canyon Neighborhood Association, on Box Canyon.

Jan Miller, member of the public, on Box Canyon.

Nancy Razanski, member of the public, on item 7.

Comments were made by the Chair.

Don Mullaly, member of the public, on item 7 and land acquisition criteria.

Charles Hall, member of the public, on item 7.

Sherrie Stolarik, member of the public, on item 7.

Scott Larose, representing the Adamson Companies, and item 17.

Marsha McLean, representing the Santa Clarita Valley Canyons Preservation Committee, on item 8.

Dorian Keyser, member of the public, on Proposition 12 nominations.

Laurane Ruth, member of the public, on Mulholland pipeline project.

Gordon Murley, representing Woodland Hills and San Fernando Valley Federations, on Mulholland pipeline, brushing, Proposition 12 nominations.

Susan Nelson, representing Santa Monica Mountains Parks and Seashores, land acquisition criteria and Elysian Park.

Don Mullaly, member of the public, on item 7 and unique creosote vegetation.

Marion Siu, representing Citizens Committee to Save Elysian Park, on suggested acquisition of 50 acre old heliopad site.

4. Reports

Questions were propounded to staff by Mr. Daniel about land acquisition criteria.

Comments were made by the Executive Director.

Questions were propounded to staff by Mr. Brown.

Comments were made by the Executive Director.

Questions were propounded to staff by Ms. Pavley about Mulholland pipeline.

Comments were made by Mr. Edelman.

Questions were propounded by Ms. Devine.

Comments were made by Mr. Edelman.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Brown on Calabasas landfill leakage.

Comments were made by the Executive Director and Ms. Pavley.

Questions were propounded to staff by Ms. Devine about Eucalyptus die off in 101 Freeway area and new disease attacking oaks.

Comments were made by the Executive Director.

The Conservancy received a verbal report from Paul Edelman, Chief of Natural Resources and Planning.

The Conservancy received a verbal report from Stephanie Landregan, Staff Landscape Architect, also reporting for Reva Concoff.

The Conservancy received a verbal report from Walt Young, Chief Ranger, MRCA, also reporting for Janeen Parker.

6. Consent Calendar:

- a) **Consideration of resolution recommending that the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority transfer the 160 acre Capra property located in the Western Santa Monica Mountains, County of Los Angeles, (APNs 4471-020-004, 4471-021-012 and 013), to the Department of General Services, State of California.**
- b) **Consideration of resolution recommending that the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority accept the quitclaim of an easement recorded August 22, 1990 as instrument number 90-1458240 held by the Las Virgenes Municipal Water District on and over the former Semler property, County of Los Angeles, (APNs 2063-047-001 through 018).**
- c) **Consideration of resolution authorizing rescission of memorandum of understanding by and between the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy, the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority, and the Mountains Conservancy Foundation concerning operation of the Streisand Center for Conservancy Studies.**

- d) Consideration of resolution recommending that the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority approve a contract with the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection for brush clearance services during the 2000 calendar year.**

Comments were made by the Executive Director.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution Nos. 00-56, 00-57, 00-58, and 00-59.

(The full text of these resolutions is attached.)

- 7. Consideration of resolution adopting a revision of the boundary of the Rim of the Valley Trail Corridor pursuant to Section 33204.4 of the Public Resources Code.**

The Executive Director presented the staff report for this item, and made comments regarding amendment of resolution.

Comments were made by Mr. Edelman.

Questions were propounded to staff by Mr. Putnam and Ms. Devine.

Comments were made by the Executive Director and Mr. Brown.

Questions were propounded by Messrs. Putnam, Brown, and Ms. Devine.

Comments were made by Mr. Brown and the Executive Director.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Putnam, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 00-60 as amended.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 00-60 as amended.

(The full text of this resolution is attached.)

8. Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant to the Santa Clarita Watershed Recreation and Conservation Authority for acquisition of Whitney Canyon contingent upon the approval of this item in the Budget Act of 2000.

The Executive Director presented the staff report for this item.

Questions were propounded to staff by Mr. Brown, Ms. Pavley, and Mr. McKenney.

Comments were made by the Executive Director, Mr. Putnam, Mr. Lange, and Mr. Daniel.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Brown, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 00-61.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 00-61.

(The full text of this resolution is attached.)

9. Consideration of resolution recommending that the Santa Clarita Watershed Recreation and Conservation Authority apply for a grant of Proposition 12 funds from the Secretary for Resources for the acquisition of Whitney Canyon.

The Executive Director presented the staff report for this item.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Putnam, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 00-62.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Kozberg, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 00-62.

(The full text of this resolution is attached.)

10. Possible consideration of a motion to rescind the vote by which the request of the Palisades-Malibu Young Men's Christian Association that the Conservancy

recommend to the Governing Board of the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority that it annul the action of the Executive Officer requesting a \$1/day per registrant permit fee for the Palisades-Malibu YMCA's fee-based day camp program in Temescal Gateway Park was refused adoption. (Coastal Zone Item)

This item was postponed.

- 11. Consideration of resolution recommending that the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority adopt a policy regarding the purchase of alternative or hybrid fuel vehicles.**

The Executive Director presented the staff report for this item.

Comments were made by the Executive Director and Mr. Berger.

Questions were propounded to staff by Mr. Wendler.

Comments were made by the Executive Director and Mr. Lange.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Johnson, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 00-63.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Eck, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 00-63.

(The full text of this resolution is attached.)

- 12. Consideration of resolution adopting FY 2000-01 preliminary budget of the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority and authorization of grants necessary to implement such budget. (Coastal Zone Item)**

Comments were made by the Chair that no vote on this item would occur until after the closed session.

The Executive Director presented the staff report for this item.

Questions were propounded to staff from Ms. Devine.

Comments were made by Ms. Faustinos.

Comments were made by the Executive Director, Ms. Devine, Mr. Lange, Mr. Portantino, and Ms. Pavley.

13. Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority for construction of improvements at The Natural Park, City of Los Angeles, contingent upon the approval of this item in the Budget Act of 2000.

The Executive Director presented the staff report on this item.

Questions were propounded to staff by Ms. Pavley.

Comments were made by the Executive Director.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Saito, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 00-65.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Eck, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 00-65.

(The full text of this resolution is attached.)

14. Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority for Arroyo Seco/Confluence Park contingent upon the approval of this item in the Budget Act of 2000.

The Executive Director presented the staff report on this item.

Questions were propounded to staff by Ms. Devine.

Comments were made by the Executive Director.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Johnson, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended

adoption of Resolution No. 00-66.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Kozberg, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 00-66.

(The full text of this resolution is attached.)

- 15. Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority for Elysian Valley-Marsh Street acquisition contingent upon the approval of this item in the Budget Act of 2000.**

The Executive Director presented the staff report on this item.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Saito, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 00-67.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Guiney, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 00-67.

(The full text of this resolution is attached.)

- 16. Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority for the acquisition of Upper Mandeville (Boeckmann property), Brentwood.**

This item was postponed.

- 17. Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority for the acquisition of Malibu Canyon Western Viewshed (Adamson property), Malibu. (Coastal Zone Item)**

The Executive Director presented the staff report on this item.

Comments were made by Ms. Pavley and the Executive Director.

Questions were propounded by Ms. Devine, Mr. Brown, and Ms. Palmer.

Comments were made by Mr. Brown, Mr. Lange, the Executive Director, and Ms. Palmer.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Devine, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 00-69.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 00-69.

(The full text of this resolution is attached.)

18. Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority for improvements to the Mission Canyon trailhead, Sepulveda Pass.

The Executive Director presented the staff report on this item.

Questions were propounded to staff by Mr. McKenney.

Comments were made by the Executive Director.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Pavley, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 00-70.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Daniel , duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 00-70.

(The full text of this resolution is attached.)

19. Consideration of resolution authorizing an interagency agreement with the California Department of Parks and Recreation for the acquisition of property within the Kenneth Hahn State Recreation Area, Baldwin Hills, contingent upon the approval of this item in the Budget Act of 2000.

The Executive Director presented the staff report on this item.

Questions were propounded to staff by Ms. Devine and Mr. Brown.

Comments were made by the Executive Director and Mr. Guiney.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Brown, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 00-71.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Guiney, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 00-71.

(The full text of this resolution is attached.)

20. Consideration of resolution authorizing a comment letter on Draft Environmental Impact Report for the Self-Realization Fellowship Church Revised Master Plan, Mount Washington.

This item was postponed.

21. Consideration of resolution authorizing the MRCA to accept funds from the City of Calabasas generated by the Baldwin Open Space Wildlife Corridor Agreement and to expend such funds on projects consistent with said agreement and as agreed upon with the city.

The Executive Director presented the staff report on this item.

Questions were propounded to staff by Ms. Palmer and Mr. Brown.

Comments were made by Ms. Devine, the Executive Director, Mr. Lange, and Mr. Brown.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Palmer, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 00-73.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 00-73.

(The full text of this resolution is attached.)

22. Legislation

The Executive Director gave a verbal report on SB 203.

Comments were made by Mr. McKenney.

23. Minutes.

No minutes were presented.

- 24. Closed Session:** (The Conservancy may hold a closed session on the following items pursuant to Section 11126 Subdivision (c)(7)(A), Section 11126.3(a), and Section 11126 Subdivision (e) of the Government Code. Confidential memoranda related to the following items may be considered during such closed session discussions.)
Discussion and possible action regarding pending and/or potential litigation: *Village Properties v. Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy et al.*; *Huebner v. State of California*; *Ramirez Canyon Preservation Fund v. Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy*; *Save Open Space v. Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority*; *Save Open Space v. Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (Real Parties in Interest)*; *Tucker v. Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy et al.*; *Tucker v. Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority et al.*; *City of Malibu v. Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy*; *City of Malibu v. Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy*.

The Chair called a closed session at 11:08 p.m. pursuant to Section 11126 *et seq.* of the Government Code to discuss *Tucker v. Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy* and *Tucker v. Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority*.

The Chair reconvened the open session at 11:26 p.m. and announced that the Conservancy received a report regarding legal issues concerning *Tucker v. Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy* and *Tucker v. Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority*.

- 12. Consideration of resolution adopting FY 2000-01 preliminary budget of the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority and authorization of grants necessary to implement such budget. (Coastal Zone Item)**

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Kozberg, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 00-64 including budget addendum.

25. Members comments on matters not on the agenda.

The Chair welcomed Mr. Eck back to the Conservancy as an active board member.

Comments were made by Mr. Eck.

Comments were made by Mr. McKenney regarding land acquisition evaluation criteria.

Comments were made by the Executive Director.

26. Announcement of future meetings and adjournment.

The Chair discussed possible alternatives for the next meeting.

Comments were made by the Executive Director, Mr. Daniel, the Chair, and Mr. Allerton.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Approved:

JOSEPH T. EDMISTON, AICP
Executive Director

MICHAEL BERGER
Vice-Chairperson

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